

NEWS IN BRIEF

Theatre to screen Sahara documentary

There will be one showing of the character-driven documentary "Running the Sahara" at 4 p.m. Sunday at the State Theatre, 130 West College Ave. The film, narrated and produced by Matt Damon, delves into the culture of those living in the Sahara through the eyes of three men in an international expedition team.

Comedy to be screened this weekend

"The Extra Man" will play at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday at the State Theatre, 130 West College Ave., with an extra showing at 4 p.m. on Wednesday. The comedy is about a lonely young man who develops an unlikely relationship with an eccentric playwright when he heads to New York City.

Alumna to sign books at HUB

Annie Laurie Harris, Class of 1985, will be at the Penn State Bookstore in the HUB-Robeson Center today from 1 to 3 p.m. to sign her recently published memoir "It's Easier to Dance." Harris wrote this book as a telling of her life as a black woman with cerebral palsy.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

University of California professor Nikil Dutt will be giving a presentation on "Cross-Layer Error Awareness for Embedded Systems," at 10 a.m. in 333 Information Sciences and Technology Building. The event will be hosted by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. For more information, call 814-865-9505.

Penn State professor Susan Lemieux will be giving a presentation on "Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI): Some Applications for Anatomical and Physiological Measurements," at 11:15 a.m. in 127 Noll Laboratory (with video conferencing to room CG623 at the College of Medicine). The event will be hosted by the Department of Kinesiology. For more information, call 814-865-3453.

Penn State professor Christina Rosa will be giving a presentation on "RNA Interference in Insect Vectors," at 11:15 a.m. in 107 Forest Resources Building. The event will be hosted by Kelli Hoover of the Department of Entomology. For more information, call 814-865-1895 or visit www.ento.psu.edu.

Penn State professor Glenna Malcolm will be giving a presentation on "Variation Exists in Respiration Responses to Temperature by Different Ectomycorrhizal Fungi and in Decomposition Rates of Their Tissues," at 12:20 p.m. in 101 Agricultural Sciences and Industries Building. The event will be hosted by the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences. For more information call 865-6541.

Penn State professor Jennifer Trinitapoli will be giving a presentation on "The Causes and Consequences of Liminality: An Examination of AIDS-Related Uncertainty in a Generalized Epidemic," at 4 p.m. in 112 Walker Building. The event will be hosted by the Department of Geography. For more information, call 814-863-4562.

Penn State professor Douglas Martins will be giving a presentation on "Summertime Variability of Air Quality," at 4 p.m. in 529 Walker Building. The event will be hosted by the Department of Meteorology. For more information, call 814-863-8566.

IN THE NEWS

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redfer and Warnock: baked potato & cheddar soup, mushroom barley soup, cabbage, pierogies, cheese pierogies, cuban sandwich, cuban slaw, hot dog bar, potato & cheese pierogies, rice, teriyaki, vegetable stir-fry, glazed baby carrots, vegetarian baked beans, cupcakes, cherry gelatin, whipped topping

Simmons: cabbage, pierogies, cheese pierogies, sour cream, dipped chicken sandwich station, bruschetta flatbread pizza, whole wheat chicken & roasted vegetable pasta, rustica flatbread pizza whole wheat, tofu skillet, broccoli florettes, chick pea bulgur, tomato pilaf, roasted vegetables, sauteed cabbage, wild rice, mini cheesecakes

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Homecoming

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grabbing some hot chocolate and joining all of Penn State on the night before the big game."

In contrast to the heavy snow of last year's Homecoming, tonight's weather is supposed to be much better, Rush said.

"The forecast says it's going to be 70 degrees which is much better than what we dealt with last year," she said.

Ending the activities for the night, the Homecoming Pep Rally is set to

begin at 9 p.m. — held in Rec Hall for the first time ever.

Last year, the pep rally was supposed to be on the lawn of Old Main, Rush said.

But since snow hindered the original plans, it had to be moved to HUB-Alumni Hall, which was not big enough.

"We had to turn people away and we definitely didn't want to do that again this year," Rush said. "Rec Hall will be much more accommodating."

And for the second year in a row, Rush said there will be a feature called "When I was A Lion," where

alumni who were campus leaders during their time at Penn State will come back to talk about their experiences during college.

Murdy said the pep rally is the perfect way to end the night — it's her favorite event.

"I have to say that I am the most excited for the Pep Rally. There are some special guests in the line-up to show up and you get to find out who is crowned King and Queen," Murdy said.

"I have my favorites, but I'll keep those a secret."

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Cheer

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trying to think of what would resonate."

During this year, many cheerleading teams in the United States were competing for the national cheerleading title, which encouraged Eckhart's squad to come up with unique ways for fans — both students and alumni — to get involved at games.

The title for best cheerleading team wasn't just chosen based on a single competition or cheer routine, Cheerleading Team Captain George DeFnis said.

"The National Cheerleading Association chose the best team based on stuff like the philanthropies we did," Dennis said. "They would even send people to the stadiums and spy on different teams to see how much you got your fans involved."

The team knew they needed an edge like Ohio State's.

When the squad all got together, they understood they needed an easy cheer — one that clearly identified what Penn State was and one that got fans involved.

"So we thought for awhile and the easiest thing was saying who we are. We are Penn State," Dennis said.

Though he can't pinpoint exactly who said the words "We are, Penn State," Eckhart said the whole team put their heads together and agreed to try it out.

But there was a block in the road — or so they thought.

The Mic-men

At a time when alumni wouldn't even wear blue and white to the football games, Dennis said he didn't foresee them actually involving themselves enough to participate in a cheer.

Regardless, Eckhart said the team decided to give it a go. So Dennis and the team went to the maintenance labs, at that time located next to the stadium, and picked up loudspeakers — ready to throw fate to the wind and try something new.

"We said we were picking up speakers, and a maintenance guy

said we weren't authorized to do so. We just told him that the athletic director said we could have them," Dennis said. "But really, we didn't even ask the athletic director, we just took them."

The team then lugged six speakers over to the stadium and lined them from one side of the press box to the other.

After setting up the speakers on either side of the stadium, Dennis and Don Mains, the "mic man" who led the cheers during the game, decided they would split up.

One of them went to the alumni side and the other went by the student section in an attempt to teach what is now a cheer known by Penn Staters worldwide.

Mike Eckhart, team member and twin brother of Dave Eckhart, said he never could have guessed that the cheer his team created would have had such a big effect.

But if Ohio State could do a cheer and have it be successful, he said, Penn State could certainly rise to the occasion.

A tradition with manners

So, on that fateful day 33 years ago, 20 cheerleaders entered Beaver Stadium and took Penn State spirit to a whole new level — making history and creating a new tradition.

"In the beginning we went up in the stands and tried to explain it to get people to do it — then they did, but it wasn't like the whole stadium," Dave Eckhart said. "But soon after, we ended up getting the whole stadium involved very quickly"

But not everyone accepted the new change.

"There was an article in the Centre Daily Times about how alumni were annoyed with us after that," Dennis said. "They didn't want to be bothered with our cheer because they felt it distracted them from the game."

It was too late, however — the cheer had caught on and was here to stay.

The stadium, a few thousand seats smaller than it is today, was more accessible to the fans. The field, still surrounded by a running track, was only separated from the crowd by a small fence, which Dave

Eckhart said made the attempt at a cheer much easier.

Mike Eckhart said he never really thought about the impact he and his 1977 cheerleading team had on the school until those certain times when he's watching a Penn State football game on television and he hears a dull roar of "We Are...Penn State" over the broadcasters.

"You know, when I think about it — it's pretty cool. We did that," he said. "We pulled something pretty special together."

The cheer stuck from then on, and was only modified once a few games later when the mic man Don Mains decided it would be polite to thank the alumni for actually participating.

"He was just a very polite guy, so he thought the students should say thank you," Dave Eckhart said.

The rest is history

Jim Sullivan, also a member on the team at the time, said he can hardly believe how far the cheer has come — from a once outlandish idea to a household name.

"I told my kids when they were freshmen at Penn State to tell their friends that their dad was one of the people who came up with the "We Are...Penn State" cheer," he said. "No one ever believes them."

Dennis isn't saying the cheer won it for his team, but in 1977 — when they first premiered the now-iconic chant — the Penn State cheerleading squad was named No. 1 in the country and was inducted into the Pennsylvania Hall of Fame.

"We got a silver dish from it and told Joe Paterno that we'll trade it back and forth," Dennis said. "We said, 'We'll keep it until you guys win a championship.'"

Dennis said one of the most special things about this now-famous cheer isn't the fact that his cheerleading team spearheaded it — but the idea that it brings together fellow Penn Staters. "You could be in China and see someone with a jersey on, and say 'We are' — and they'll smile and shout 'Penn State,'" he said. "All those years ago... I don't know how it happened and became what it is today — but I guess you could say the rest is history."

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Alcohol

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calls for comment by press time Thursday.

At the meeting, topics including risk management procedures and new member alcohol education were discussed, Linkosky (senior-political science) wrote in the statement.

Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Roy Baker, Panhellenic Adviser Susan LeGalley, Interfraternity Council (IFC)

President Max Wendkos, PHC Vice President for Programming Kaitlyn Kirby, Stahl and Linkosky were all present at the meeting, Linkosky wrote in the statement. In addition, all of the chapter presidents and their executive boards were present at the meeting, she wrote.

Baker and LeGalley did not return calls or e-mails for comment by press time Thursday.

Wendkos said he attended the event to show his support of the discussion.

The IFC supports any efforts by the PHC to improve their risk man-

agement procedures, he said. He said PHC is "actively" looking for ways to improve their current risk management procedures.

Wendkos (senior-marketing and psychology) declined to comment on what exactly was discussed at the meeting.

But, he said, he wants to make sure the IFC does its part to make sure the women of PHC are safe.

"I was merely there because I wanted to get feedback," he said. "Many of their socials are with us."

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Festivals

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"This couldn't come at a better time," UPUA President Christian Ragland (senior-political science) said. "I'm really excited this happened and to see where it goes."

The groups haven't established what the budget for the concert will be, but they should do so in the next few weeks, Ragland said.

Though the combination has been relatively smooth, Hayes (senior-energy, business and finance) said he still expects some "bumps along the way."

"This is the first year we're doing this," Hayes said. "We're definitely learning as we go."

Hayes praised ARHS' willingness for Movin' On to become its own organization.

"ARHS is happy Movin' On can grow now," said ARHS liaison Mike Stefanick (senior-hotel, restaurant and institutional management).

As of right now the group is focusing on getting corporate sponsorship.

Prospective artists to perform will be discussed around January.

Hayes said that Movin' On will be doing surveys throughout the year because they want to see what students want out of the concert. He also encouraged students who want their voice heard to apply for a core committee on the Movin' On website (www.movinon.org) or speak at one of the core meetings. The date for

the first meeting has yet to be set.

"We want students to be vocal about it," said Zack Krieger (junior-bioengineering), who serves as executive director of SPA. "That's the best way we can get the job done."

Some students said they were excited to see a bigger concert this year.

Justin Winstanley said that the collaboration "could go either way."

"The smaller concerts give smaller bands a chance to get noticed," Winstanley (senior-health policy and administration) said. "But a bigger concert would be more cost efficient because more people would want to go to it."

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Royster

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have to go out there and focus on winning and play every play."

Royster got off to a slow start this season, leading some fans to call for backup Stephon Green to start.

But a career-high 187 yards against Temple quieted those grumblings.

Like Temple, Illinois provides another chance for Royster to break out.

He went for 105 yards in Champaign last season and 136 two years ago.

Aside from the Temple game, however, Royster has been quiet. He carried the ball 26 times against the Owls and averaged only 10 carries in the other four games, averaging 44

yards in those contests.

Royster, who was unavailable to the media this week, has said the record at a school steeped in tradition became somewhat of a burden in the off-season. At Big Ten media days this summer, he said it would be the greatest individual achievement of his career.

Even before camp started, Royster was talking about the record, ready to break it and get on with his season.

"It's kind of hard not to think about it," Royster said at media days one day before fall practice. "It's been brought up so much. I want to get it out of the way, so I can just get on with my season. The earlier the better."

Senior center Doug Klopacz said the key to getting Royster going was a tougher offensive line.

"If we want to start running the ball like we used to, we just gotta buckle up and go play," Klopacz said. "That's it."

Klopacz added the offensive line would take a lot of pride in blocking for Royster when he breaks the record, saying the yardage is a product of "both him and the line working together."

But just because Royster is close doesn't mean the line is talking about their accomplishment.

"It hasn't really come up a whole lot," Klopacz said.

"It's a great thing to have. Evan's a great running back. I think he knows it, we know it, and we want to do everything we can to help him get that record. But we also know we have a big game in front of us."

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